

Deadline Dates

a.)	Fall (September)	June 1st
b.)	Winter (January)	November 1st
c.)	Spring (May-June)	March 1st
d.)	Summer (July-August)	May 1st

Student applications received after the deadline date will not be accepted.

To be eligible for consideration and approval, PSE applications must be received by the Post-Secondary office on or before the following deadlines:

- a.) March 1st for Spring Term funding (Continuing Students only)
 - Spring courses are for continuing students only whose classes are a **required part of the program and not offered at any other time will be funded.**
 - Students must maintain an acceptable grade point average from the previous semester.
 - First year University students will not be eligible to apply for Spring courses.
- b.) May 1st for Summer Term funding (Continuing Students only)
 - Summer courses are for continuing students only whose classes are a **required part of the program and not offered at any other time will be funded.**
 - Students must maintain an acceptable grade point average from the previous semester.
 - First year University students will **not** be eligible to apply for Summer courses.
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- c.) June 1st for Fall Term funding (New and Continuing students)
- d.) November 1st for Winter Term funding for Continuing students
 - New students; depending on availability of funds

*Note: Should any deadline dates fall on a weekend or statutory holiday then the first workday following will be acknowledged as the deadline date. *

Priorities for Approval

These categories may be modified by the administering organization in PSSSP Policy Manual and to accord with the types of applications received for any specific intake or to accommodate specific Ermineskin Cree Nation initiatives. Priorities or reflect specific program needs of the administering organization and participating Ermineskin Cree Nation may be implemented.

DUE TO AN ISC imposed shortage and cap of funding for the post-secondary program, the Ermineskin Cree Nation finds it necessary to prioritize those students applying for sponsorship. Until such time as negotiations improve the availability of funding, the priority system listed below will be followed.

The priority number assigned to each applicant will be in accordance with the following criteria:

Priority One

- a.) Continuing Student – is any student currently continuing into the next academic year without a break in studies.
- b.) Regular Grade 12, Adult Basic Education (ABE12), or Adult 12 students.
- c.) A Student with an authorized Pause of Studies (POS) for bereavement, personal, or medical situations who has maintained contact with E.P.S.P office.

Priority Two

Previously funded Students who are returning to the **same program to complete/graduate.**

- Students must be aware that all entire funding history will be taken into consideration as there are limitations at each level.

Priority Three

New Applicants who have never received funding – Students who have a regular Grade 12, Adult Basic Education (ABE12) or Adult12 who have not recently graduated (2years or longer).

Priority Four

Students in the Master's/Professional Studies – Level 3 and Ph.D. – Level 4 programs will be considered for Part-Time funding.

Level Three (3) Students in Masters, and Level Four (4) in Ph.D., or Post Ph.D. studies.

- a.) Students employed full-time will be considered as Part-Time Students and will be eligible for all expenses **except Living Allowance**.
- b.) Master's Students must work in their field of study for a minimum of 2 years before applying for funding.

Priority Five

Students who have Graduated and want to obtain a second Certificate, Diploma or Degree in the same field of study.

- Students must provide an educational plan, or a letter of need endorsed by their employer affirming the necessity for certification. (cost/share programming)
- Students must be aware that all entire funding history will be taken into consideration as there are limitations of each level.

Priority Six

Previously funded Students who are returning to start a different program (as some previous classes completed may not be transferrable)

- Students must be aware that all entire funding history will be taken into consideration as there are limitations at each level.

Priority Seven

Students who have Graduated and want to obtain a second Certificate, Diploma, or Degree in a different field of study.

- Students must provide an educational plan outlining the reason for career transition.
- Students must be aware that all entire funding history will be taken into consideration as there are limitations at each level.

Students who have the Canadian Adult Education Credential (CAEC) or Mature Students who are students over the age of 21 and DO NOT have a Regular Grade 12, or Adult 12 will be referred to Neyaskweyahk Employment Skills Training (NEST).

- Mature students are encouraged to obtain Adult 12 to be moved to Priority One-B or Priority Three.